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SUBJ: COST ESTIMATE FOR PROPOSED US/NATO SATCOM TAIL AT NORFOLK

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WE PROVIDED NICSMA WITH THE INFORMATION IN REFTEL. NICSMA RESPONDED BY LETTER, NICSMA/SID/TM/1065.5(76)88, QUOTED BELOW. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE THE DETAILED DATA NICSMA REQUESTS. WE BELIEVE NICSMA PREFERS THE JOINT US-NATO SYSTEM TO A SEPARATE NATO SYSTEM BUT CANNOT SUPPORT THAT CHOICE WITHOUT ADEQUATE ANALYSIS. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON PROVIDE NICSMA WITH THE INFORMATION REQUESTED.

BEGIN QUOTE: THANK YOU FOR REFERENCE (A). THE FIGURES GIVEN IN PARAGRAPH I ARE SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE US TO COMPLETE COST ESTIMATES FOR THE SEPARATE NATO FACILITIES.

2. HOWEVER, THE DATA IN PARAGRAPH II ON THE PROPOSED JOINT US-NATO SYSTEM IS TOO SKETCHY TO ENABLE US TO MAKE BOTH A COMPARISON OF COSTS AND ALSO AN ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT OF WHAT NATO IS BEING OFFERED.

3. PLEASE WILL YOU ASK YOUR AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF HOW EACH LINK IN THE PROPOSED US-NATO SYSTEM WOULD BE PROVIDED. IN PARTICULAR WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW THE 120 CHANNELS UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR NATO WOULD BE PROVIDED BETWEEN BUILDINGS M51 AND H95; ALSO BETWEEN THE US SGT AND THE NATO SGT AT NORTHWEST. IF IT IS PROPOSED TO USE CABLE FOR THESE LINKS, THEN WE WISH TO KNOW IF THIS WOULD BE AN AUDIO OR CARRIER SYSTEM. IF THE LATTER,

WOULD IT BE TDM OR FDM AND WOULD THE MULTIPLEX EQUIPMENT BE PROVIDED AT THE NATO ENDS OF THE CABLES? WE WOULD ALSO WISH TO KNOW THE CABLE CHARACTERISTICS, I.E.:

- (A) GAUGE
- (B) ROUTE LENGTH
- (C) BASIC INSERTION LOSS
- (D) FREQUENCY RESPONSE
- (E) IF AN AUDIO SYSTEM, THE RELATIVE GROUP DELAY CHARACTERISTIC.

4. FINALLY, WE MUST ALSO KNOW THE US PROPOSAL ON WHAT NATO WOULD BE INVITED TO PAY TOWARDS THIS SYSTEM. PRESUMABLY THIS WOULD FALL INTO TWO PARTS AS SOME OF THE SYSTEM WOULD BE CARRYING BOTH US AND NATO CHANNELS, BUT THE END SECTIONS WOULD ONLY BE CARRYING THE 120 NATO CHANNELS. THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED IN SOME DETAIL TO ENABLE US TO MAKE REALISTIC COST COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE TWO OPTIONS. END QUOTE. STRAUSS-HUPE

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